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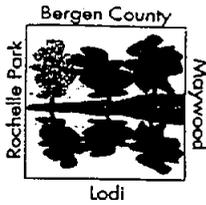
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Maywood Thorium Group Recruiting New Members

MAYWOOD, NJ, January 21, 1998 ... The Maywood Cooperative Guidance Group (CGG) met on January 12 to discuss recruiting up to three new members as it continues reviewing information concerning the cleanup of thorium-contaminated residential and commercial properties in Maywood, Lodi, and Rochelle Park. Currently, the CGG's twelve members include 11 residents and one commercial property owner, who represent various community stakeholder interests. The Group has been meeting since March 1997.

Community members will be invited to participate based on an application and review process. The CGG will select applicants as new members based on their interests, expertise and personal characteristics. The Group is particularly interested in adding new members representing Rochelle Park, commercial property owners, and community civic groups.

At the meeting, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) representative Eugene Urbanik also heard concerns from residential property owners whose homes are next on the remediation schedule and who will have to relocate during the cleanup of their property. The CGG recommended that the Corps of Engineers communicate with these affected property owners as soon as possible to discuss the status of the remediation schedule and plans for their relocation.

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The Group also discussed funding options for an independent scientific expert who could advise the CGG and the community on the health impacts and risks of the existing thorium contamination and the alternatives under consideration for remediating it. The CGG asked the Corps to review options for providing this funding. In view of timing constraints related to grant opportunities with other government agencies, the CGG will continue researching funding possibilities from several other federal and state sources while the Corps of Engineers considers this request.

Applications for CGG membership are available at the USACE Public Information Center, in Maywood, and at the municipal office buildings of Maywood, Lodi, and Rochelle Park. The Group's next scheduled meetings will be on Monday, February 9 and March 9, at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Information Center, 55 W. Pleasant Avenue, in Maywood.

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